New Rendering of Well Known Legends of the American Indiaus.

BEST SELECTIONS FROM BROWNING

Mr. Robinson's "Children of the Night" _Rhymes by Tom Hall and John H. Yates Articles in the Magasines_Literary Notes.

The legends of the Indians have long beer favorite themes for the romancers and the poets. Nothing could be more poetic, more romantic, fuller of the spirit of life, than one of the chief gods of the Indians and also upon the Indian belief in the enmity between this god and the god of thunder whom they imagine comes There are many good things in the maga-in the midst of the storm to do the maga-battle with the spirit of earth and water. It is said that the Dakotas believed that agine is a complete novel by the Princess thunder is produced by a huge bird which
Troubetsky in her peculiar vein. In the
flaps its wings and causes the noise. There is also a tradition that among many wild tribes the belief is common that there is a great creative power and a great destructive power continually striving together and finding form in the gods of waters and the front of the form of the finding form in the gods of waters and the front of the finding form in the gods of waters and the front of the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding with the early colonies of Spain and their white slaves. A timely article in the Century is one by front of the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding with the early colonies of Spain and their white slaves. A timely article in the Century is one by front of the finding form in the gods of the finding with the early colonies of Spain and their white slaves. A timely article in the Century is one by front of the finding form in the gods of waters and the finding form i power continually striving together and finding form in the gods of waters and the thunder birds who are perpetually at war. All these and many other legends of the Indians form a fine groundwork for the poetic fancy. Ina E. W. Van Norman has utilized these legends in her poem "Minnewaska," which is put forth as a sequel to Longfel-low's "Hiawatha," and incidentally gives comething of the beauty of Lake Mohonk. It would be unjust to say that "Minne-waska" is the equal of "Hiawatha," or that in it one finds carried out the beautiful imagery of the older poem, but there are some touches of beauty in "Minnewaska." A daughter is born to fair Hiawatha and the

story runs on.

We have named her Minnewaska,
Thy fair daughter, Minnewaska;
For the tent is lone, and the wizwam drear,
When the smiles of youth can give no cheer;
And murmuring voices from far off space,
Echoed the words through the silent place;
And the spirit leaned o'er the babe in prayer,
Then swiftly fled through the midnight air.

Mrs. Van Norman includes in the volume with the story of Minnewaska a number of other poems on miscellaneous subjects. One of these is an "Ode to Liberty." especially appropriate now. The closing verse forth thy purifying lances, with a

purifying gleam,
Arouse her quick'ning conscience, awake her
from a dream;
Banish the misty shadows, fast gathering
o'er thy way,
Hall' hall! sweet liberty! let freedom reign for aye!

Hall! hail! all hall! fair goddess! we clasp thee by the hand,
And crown thee with our blessings, thou ruler of our land.

"Minnewaska" is illustrated and printed on fine paper, making a handsome volume. Donohue & Henneberry Co., Chicago; \$2.50.

There is much of true poetle fervor in the writings of Edwin Arlington Robinson. In his "Children of the Night" he deals "with creeds that make a fiend of him" and impresses his reader with the fact that "it is the promise of the day that makes the starry sky sublime," and his admonition will be echoed in many a heart-

Let us, the children of the Night,
Put off the cloak that hides the scar!
Let us be children of the Light,
And tell the ages what we are.

Mr. Robinson does not always remain out in the light, but ices seldom than many s he hide his thoughts behind vague and unmeaning sentences and phrases. Here is one of three pretty quatrains he has grouped together:

We cannot crown ourselves with every-Nor can we coax the Fates for us to quarrel;

quarrel;
No matter what we are, or what we sing.
Time finds a withered leaf in every laurel.
In his octaves Mr. Robinson is also very happy. He writes of friendship, the battle-field, of conscience and all the kindred subjects poets dream about, and his verses are never dull nor crude. Richard G. Badger &

Although Justin McCarthy has said of Browning that "he is one of the immortals whose place is absolutely settled, and with whom criticism, as such, has no more to do than it has with the height of a mountain or the depth of a lake," yet criticism of Browning has not ceased and will not cease so long as men leve delightful poetry and have the mental capacity to discern be-tween the good and the merely tolerable. Browning has many admirers, some of them going much further than admiration, as, for nstance, the minister in on arduous parish. took any note of current poetry, and answered: "No: I have not time. I read no poet any more except Browning. I read him for his strong condensation, his dramatic quality and his immensely tonic vital force."

The dedication of a recent Browning book Bishop, Vincent reveals that that the disto Bishop Vincent reveals that that dis-tinguished educator suggested a collection and acrangement so that a busy reader enight be able to know Browning readily. This is what has been done in "The Best of Browning," a book by Rev. James Mudge, with an introduction by Rev. William V. Kelly. Dr. Mudge briefly recounts the events in the life of the good poet of Christianity and presents two admirable essays. one on "How to Read Browning" and the other on "The Benefits of Browning Study." One needs but to read and digest these ad-mirable essays to have the best kind of an introduction to the study of Browning—an introduction that will open the door to the innermost thoughts of the good poet. The selections include single gems consisting of a few or many lines, and chapters from his best work. It is probable that not all of the best of Browning is to be found here, but certainly the compiler has brought to-gether a great deal of Browning that is all good. Eaton & Mains, New York, \$1.50.

The rhymes of Tom Hall are familiar to all readers of Truth, Munsey's, the Yellow Book and similar publications. Perhaps he would not lay claim to a place amon; the poets. He simply writes verses that please without requiring any exercise of the mind. In the introduction to a collectio, of verses published under the name of "When Love Laughs" he "shamelessly acknowledges that he has not 'dipped his pen into the boiling he has not 'dipped his pen into the boiling crater of Vesuvius,' nor yet endeavored to 'write upon the blue vault of heaven.' Neither has he attempted to perpetrate any pootical 'fifteen puzzles' by hiding his thoughts in ellipses and inversions." But the verses of Tom Hall are pleasant reading for persons who read publications of the kind mentioned, and these persons cannot fail to be pleased with his latest volume. Here he has snatched from the waste heap such songs as the one beginning:

There was a new woman went up on a There was a new woman went up on

Ninety times high as the moon.

And she was cool as a crystalline icicle.

And sang a hilarious tune.

Then there are others like the one ending:

And that's why I am weary old chapple.

Btop laughing, you insolent cub!

I'm confoundedly mad and unhappy,

And it's a dueced dull day at the c'ub.

This is not pretty but is leaves to the coub.

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Then there are others like the one ending: And that's why I am weary old chappie. Stop laughing, you insolent cub!

I'm confoundedly mad and unhappy, And it's a dueced dull day at the c'ub. This is not poetry, but is is not prose, and Tom Hall knows how to turn it out in large or small quantities. "When Love Laughs" is a beautifully illustrated and handsomely printed little book. E. F. Herrick company, New York; \$1.50.

One of the minor poets who has helped to brighten the pages of American newspares and magazines and lighten the labors. The labors of humanity with songs and stories is John

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The Electron's magazine, one of the oldest mouthlies in the country, has been purchased

RECENT BOOKS OF POETRY H. Yates, a resident of Batavia, N. Y., where he was born more than sixty years, while he has ever remained on the old homestead, but his quaint lines have ever given comfort to all who read them. He has re-cently gathered them into a volume under the name of "Ballads and Poems," in which will be found his ballads for the old folks, life lessons for the young, poems humorous and pathetic and gospel bymns. Among the best known of his poems is "The Model Church," in which the sermon is described as follows:

literary executor.

empany early in the spring.

The newly-discovered gold region in Mex-

more delightful than "Penelope's Progress," which had been issued in a tasteful volume by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. It describes a tour

Marie Corelli has been getting some much

ecded advertising by having the rector of a

church refuse to place a cross at the grave of the sexton bearing an inscription to the

ffect that he was the hero immortalized in

one of Marie's novels. The refusal of the rector to accede to the foolish request gave

MORE MONEY FOR PENSIONS.

Additional Appropriations Needed to

Meet the Pay Roll.

WASHINGTON, Merch 30 .- Sending to

congress a deficiency estimate of \$8,070,872

for pensions for this year, Secretary Bliss

makes an interesting statement on the gen-

eral subject of pensions up to date. Secre-

for the payment of pensions during the re-maining four months of the fiscal year, more than \$5,000,000 in excess of the un-

ent fiscal year the number on the roll will

Out of the Question. LONDON, March 30.—The House of Com-

o re-open the mints without some inter-

national arrangement, which at present

He contended that the policy introduced in India in 1893 had fully justified itself

and that to attempt to reverse it now would

be lunacy. Sir William Vernon Harcourt, liberal

leader in the house, congratulated Lord George Hamilton upon his "monumental speech," which he (Harcourt) hoped would carry conviction to the president of the

ccal government board and the first lord

of the treasury.

The house then adopted Lord George

Hamilton's motion appointing a committee, which will have practically all the powers of

a royal commission, to inquire into the practicability of the Indian government's pro-

BUDA PESTH, March 30.-Princess Louise

f Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, eldest daughter of

King Leopold of Belgium, and wife of Prince

hillp of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and her lover,

Lieutenant Mattachich-Keglevitch (with whom Prince Philip recently fought a duel), are at the castle of the lieutenant, which is situated near Golphoyec, Creating

Austria Wants a Better Navy.

VIENNA, March 30 .- The Neue Freie

Presse today announces that the Austrian-

Hungarian government intends to ask for 45,000,000 to 50,000,000 florins for the purpose

f increasing the strength of the Austrian

New South Wales Wheat Crop.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 30 .- The of

ficial wheat returns for New South Wales,

overing the season just ended, show that 92,484 acres cut yielded 10,548,288 bushels.

GAMBLERS WAIVE EXAMINATION.

Bound Over for Trial.

The gambling cases against Cliff Cole,

Riley J. Goodwin, F. S. Jones and Andy

Bell were sent to the district court yesterday

norning by Police Judge Gordon. Attorney

Tuttle, for the defendants, waived the pre-

the bond in each case was fixed at \$500. Bell and Goodwin were rearrested on an-

other information filed by City Prosecutor Miller, in which they are charged with being common gamblers. The preliminary hearing of these cases was set for this afternoon and the defendants were placed under bonds of \$150 each, which they furnished.

ituated near Golubovecz, Croatia.

posals for a gold standard.

cems out of the question.

the incident great prominence.

tary Blies save:

The preacher made sin bideous in Gentiles and in Jews; He shot the golden sentences down in the finest pews, And, though I can't see very well, I saw the falling tear told me hell was some ways off and heaven very near. That

Another well known production of the pen of Mr. Yates is "The Old Man in the Palace Car," in which the old coach days are re-called and compared pleasantly with the these old legends that were handed down by the aborigines. Minnewaska, or the legend of Lake Mohonk, is partially founded upon of the home and freside, of the old farm and

the tradition of the creation of the earth by the wooded valley, the poet, noble youth and stalwart old age. It is well that this col-lection has been made while the author is yet living to supervise it. Charles W. Moulton, Buffalo, N. Y.; \$1.50.

cance and priority. In the same number is a description of the Chilian and Peruvian ironclads off the coast of Bolivia in 1879. General Forsyth, who was a member of General Sheridan's staff, contributes to the April Harper's a description of the meeting between Grant and Lee at Appomattox. In Leslie's Weekly Cutliff Hyne's new serial story, "Prince Rupert, the Buccaneer," is commenced. Julia Magruder's new novel-ette, "A Heaven Kissing Hill," is begun in the Ludies' Home Journal. It is a romance of a beautiful belle and a telented young In Scribner's is an instalment of Senator Lodge's "Story of the Revolution," in which is given one of the most impressive accounts ever written of the masterly retreat that Washington conducted through New Jersey. The illustrations in Scrib-ner's are especially fine. In the March number of the Home Magazine there was a splendid article giving an account of the life of the late Captain McGiffin, the hero of the battle of Yalu, and in the April numper of the same magazine there is a great deal more good reading on naval topics. Hamlin Garland's story of the Grant & Ward failure in McClure's is a graphic ac-count of an incident fumous in Wall street. An almost local article is one in Outing by L. B. Robinson on "Canoeing on the lowa." The cartoon department of the American Monthly is devoted entirely to cartoons on the Cuban question, and the subject is reviewed at length editorially. Donahoe's Magazine has the finest lot of pictures of the battleship Maine that has yet been pre-

Under the title of "A Trinity of Friendships" Messrs. Donahue & Henneberry have lately brought out a book by an Omaha woman who writes under the pen name of The story is intended for young people in general, and young girls in particular. It treats of the friendship of three young girls, and the story is full of fun and lives of each. The story is full of fun and lincident and its moral tone is exceptionally good. The value of uplifting friendship to young people whose characters are being formed is here most forcibly illustrated. A hree young girls, and its influence on the parts of the story and it is suitably un raveled in the end. This is "Gilbert Guest's" second venture in the line of story writing feel free to place this book in the hands of their daughters, as its pages can only aspire them to good thoughts and noble

sented. In Frank Lesile's Popular there is an article on the Episcopal church in the

United States by Bishop Perry of Iowa, and Senator Kyle of South Dakota writes of "The Statesmen of Jackson's Period."

An announcement that will be hailed with lelight by all who are interested in the history of the great corthwest is that Francis P. Harper, the publisher and importer of rare books, of New York, is about to commence the publication of a series of his-torical works under the editorship of Prof. Elliott Coues, to be called "The American Explorers' Series." The first volume of this Jacob Fowler, describing his travels from Fort Smith to the Rocky mountains and return in the years 1821-22. This work is the story of a hitherto unknown American explocation, and is printed verbatim from the author's original manuscript. Major Fowler was the first white man to travel and de-scribe much of the country through which scribe much of the country through which he passed, and his observations are of the greatest interest in connection with the early history of the states of Arkansas, Kansas and Colorado, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The manuscript has been edited in Dr. Coues' inimitable manner and carefully indexed. The second volume of this series, to be issued in the fall, will be "Forty Years a Fur Trader on the Upper Missouri." It is the personal narrative of Charles Larpenteur, for the first time printed from his original manuscript ime printed from his original manuscrip ournal.

James Payn, who died in London a few lays ago, was well known both as a journalst and as a novelist, though his works are not so widely read in this country as these f some other British fiction writers. He was born at Cheltenham, England, in 1830, and after studying at Eton and Woolwich academy, was graduated from Trinity col-lege, Cambridge, in 1854. At that date he had already published a volume of verse called "Stories from Bocaccio," and the next year he published another volume of poems. year he published another volume of poems. In 1854 he began to write for the Westminster Review and constantly contributed to Household Words until, in 1858, he became the editor of Chambers' Journal, for which he wrote exclusively for many years. In Chambers' came out his first novel, "A Family Scapegrace," and a few years later, "Lost Sir Massingberd," a story which is said to have raised the circulation of the magazine by nearly 20,000. Mr. Payn's novels became both very numerous and very popular, until his works are said to extend to nearly 150. hip works are said to extend to nearly 150 volumes. In addition to the light novels contributed to nearly every popular periodical of England, he frequently contributed essays of a humorous type to the Nineteenth Century and the Times. "By Proxy," a story with scenes laid in China, was his bes: known work.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED. "In the Depths of the First Degree," by James Doran. Peter Paul Book company, Buffalo; \$1.50.

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"Schwester Anna," by FeliciasButtz Clark.
Exton & Mains, New York; 90 cents.
"Tales of the City Room," by Elizabeth
C. Jordan. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York: \$1. "Napoleon III and His Court," by Imbert De Saint-Amand. Harper & Bro., New

York: \$1.50.

KANSAS COMES TO THE SHOW

Robert Barr is visiting in the United States the first time in nearly three years. It is understood that Mr. Gladstone has chosen John Moriey as his biographer and Money in Sight and Men at Work to Make an Exhibit. The United States Navy department has ordered a supply of each of Lieutenant Sargeant's two books, "The Campaign of Marengo," and "Napoleon Bonaparte's First Campaign," for distribution in the navy.

SUNFLOWER STATE WHEELS INTO LINE

The Loves of the Lady Arabella, is the title Governor Leedy Names a State Comof a new novel by Mollie Elliott Seawell, author of The Sprightly Romance of Marsac, and The History of the Lady Betty Stair, etc. It is to be published by the Macmillan mission with Instructions to Proceed at Once with All Necessary Arrangements.

ico, toward which a movement has set in second only to the Klondike migration, is described in an illustrated article contributed to the American Monthly Review of Reviews by H. D. Blater. Kansas has an exposition commission and there is no longer any doubt about the resources of that state being represented in the exposition in the most creditable man-Mrs. Wiggin has never written anything ner. Governor Leedy has appointed a commission of five members and the railroads have contributed \$15,000 toward a fund for a state exhibit. An equal amount will be in Scotland, mostly in and around Edinburgh, and—to borrow a good phrase from our youthful sisters—it is "too funny for anyraised among the people of the state and a state building will be erected and exhibits

made in the various main buildings. The commission was appointed by Governor Leedy Tuesday, consisting of the following members: Former Governor George W. Glick of Atchison, A. W. Smith of Mc-Pherson, John E. Frest of Topeka, A. H. Greef of Pittsburg and A. C. Lamb of Wellington. Governor Leedy notified these appointees to meet in Omaha at once and organize for business, making their arrange-ments for space on the spot and acquiring all necessary information at the outset.

In accordance with these instructions Mr came to Omaha and at once made himself known at exposition headquarters. He said the other members of the com-mission would arrive at once and the organization of the commission would be effected at once. He made a flying trip to the grounds in the morning and returned there in the afternoon in company with Major Clarkeon. After the first trip, although not able to go through the main court on account of the mud, Mr. Greef was most entary Bliss says:

On the 1st of July, 1897, there was available \$140,000,000 for the payment of army and navy pensions; \$4,000,000 of this amount was set apart for navy pensions leaving \$135,000,000 for payment of army pensions. The total number of pensioners on the roll June 30, 1897, was \$76,014, while on the 28th of February, 1898, there were \$83,613 on the roll, a net increase of 13,599. Between the latter dates there was disbursed for the payment of army pensions \$95,370,872.46, leaving the sum of \$40,629,127.54 for the payment of pensions to the end of the present fiscal year. The commissioner of pensions estimates that \$48,700,000 will be required for the payment of pensions during the rethusiastic regarding the outlook for a big exposition and was very emphatic in his declaration that his state will be represented in a manner which will be a credit to both the state and the exposition. Mr. Greef is secretary of the Commercial club of Pitts-burg and intends to devote all of his time to pushing the work of the commission. DETERMINED TO SHINE.

"We are going to have a state building," said Mr. Greef, "and we will have a good exhibit in the main buildings. Our state building will be mainly for headquarters and offices and our exhibits will be placed in the main build-ings. Our commission has not find a meet-ing, but some of the details have been talked over in a general way by the governor and he is strongly in favor of having a state building where our people can gather. The \$15,000 which has been contributed by the railroads will be augmented by a similar amount to be raised among our people. I do not believe there will be any particula difficulty in raising this amount and an ef-

maining four months of the fiscal year, more than \$8,000,000 in excess of the unexpended appropriation.

The commissioner has recently expressed to me an opinion as to the future course of pension payments at variance with his views thereon, as stated in the annual report, which was to the effect that after the close of the current year payments would rapidly decline. It is now his copinion that in view of the increasing applications for original pensions and for increase of pensions there will be an increase in the sum required for the payment of the army and navy pensions for some time to come. In this connection the appended figures, showing the number of pensioners on the roll and the value of the roll annually since 1887, is significant. From this it appears that the pension roll has substantially doubled since a quarter of a century after the close of the war. In 1890, twenty-five years after the war closed, the number of pensioners on the roll was 537,944. At the close of the current fiscal year the number on the roll will approximate 986,000, an increase of nearly fort will be made to have the legislature reimburse the contributors. "Our exhibits will be in the Mining, Agriculture and Horticulture balldings. We have very large mineral interests in the southeastern part of the state which will be well represented and our extensive agricultural and horticultural interests will be repre-sented in a very creditable manner. The rent fiscal year the number on the roll will aproximate 995,000, an increase of nearly 300 per cent since 1890. It has increased from \$72,052,143.49 in 1890 to approximately \$132,000,600 in the present fiscal year. The roll is now larger than at any former time, notwithstanding that thirty-three years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities. It contained about 5,500 more pensioners in 1897 than it did in 1896, and approximately 20,000 more in 1898 than in 1897, and the value of the roll has also increased in the same period. plan which had been considered is to divide the state into districts and give each member of the commission full charge in his district. In this way we will accomplish a good deal in a short time. Our people in the southeastern part of the state have been awake to the importance of being represented at to the importance of being represented at this exposition and there will be no delay in that section of the state. We realize that the exposition is going to be one of the greatest affairs of the kind ever held in senger cars which will form some of the exposition in this building. CANNOT REHABILITATE SILVER big showing and our people are coming to the show in large numbers.

"I was prepared to see some extensive preparations at the grounds, as I have been mons yesterday was occupied for some time n a debate on the Indian currency. Lord receiving large amounts of advertising mat-ter from the Publicity department of the exposition, but I must confess that I was George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, admitted that it would be impossible exposition, but I must confess that I was greatly astonished when I saw the buildings themselves. I took it for granted that the pictures sent out were somewhat flattering, but I find that they do not convey an adequate impression of the reality. The make court is a thing of great beauty and the effect of the grounds is going to be most magnificent." He pointed out that nobody blamed the government for declining American and French invitations for opening the mints. As matters now stood, he believed international bimetallism impossible, because France would not accept a less ratio than 15½ to 1, which would not be accepted. According to his view, it seems impossible for any one nation to rehabilitate silver. He contended that the policy introduced

GOVERNMENT BUILDING INTERIOR. Preparations Being Made for Its Deco ration in Colors.

Preparations are being made for commencing work on the interior decoration of the Government building. A force of decorators from Washington is now enroute to Omaha, and these men will commence work on the building as soon as they arrive. The main walls of the building have been

covered with sheathing and will not be plastered. The sheathing will be covered with maroon colored burlap with black bands at the top and bottom of appropriate design. On this background a decoration of white and gold will be painted, forming a beautiful setting for the various exhibits. The national colors will be used freely in the decoration, and those who have seen the designs for this work declare that the effect surpasses any former attempt made effect surpasses any former attempt made by the government at any exposition.

Superintendent Farnan has been in consultation with the exposition management regarding the moving of the railroad tracks at the south side of the main court nearer to the Government building in order to facilitate the fiendling of the heavy ordnance which will form a part of the exhibit to be made by the War department. There will be two heavy guns in this exhibit, one a six-inch and the other an eight-inch gun. These toys, with their carriages, will weigh thirty-eight and forty-two tons respectively. Su-perintendent Farnan thas asked the exposition management to have the south railway south door of the Government building, to which point he proposes to construct a heavy platform for hauling the guns into the build-

In order to get the gune into the Government building it will be necessary to take out a section of the south wall on either side of the south doorway and replace it after the guns are in position. Arrangements have been made for doing this.

been made for doing this.

The government exhibits are not expected to arrive until about May 1. But a short time will be required for installation, as all preparations are made before the exhibits are shipped and the assembling of the various parts is the work of but a short time. The government exhibits have always been ready on time at every exposition and there has been no indication that this exposition will be any exception to the rule: on the conbe any exception to the rule; on the con-trary, everything has been moving with the greatest speed and nothing has occurred to indicate the least hitch in the program.

MacDonald Claims His Due. Garbagemaster MacDonald has notified the exposition authorities that he has the sole right to haul away the garbage and all offar from the exposition grounds, and serves notice that he proposes to protect his rights by not allowing any other person to do any hauling. As there will be a very large quantity of garbage to be disposed of the exposition authorities are estimating the cost of disposing of it at the enormous figures contained in the remarkable contract between the garbage contractor and the city.

Work on Montana Building. Work on the Montana state building has seen ordered commenced at once and orders were given to push the construction with all possible speed in order to have the building ready before the opening day of the exposi-tion. Lee Bonet has the contract for this building and he received these

Vice President Sutherlin. The mate-Vice President Sutherlin. The material was already ordered, the contract having been made before Mr. Sutherlin left for home last week, and no time will be lost by Mr. Bonet in getting started. The building will stand at the west eide of the bluff tract just south of Emmet street, facing east. Mr. Bonet has already been instructed to proceed at once with the construction of the building to be erected by the Liggett & Meyer Tobacco company of St. Louis. This building will occupy a space at the west side of the bluff tract just south of Pinkuey street.

PLACES FOR CONVENTIONS TO MEET. Major Clarkson Concludes All the Arrangements Necessary.

The exposition management has concluded all arrangements for furnishing meeting places for the numerous conventions and meetings of various kinds which will convene in Omaha during the coming summer and Major Clarkson says that ample accommodations will be afforded all comers.

The large gatherings, such as the meeting of the National League of Republican Clubs and the meeting of the delegates enroute to the annual meeting of the Christian En-deavor society, and the annual meeting of the Travelers' Protective association, will be held in the Creighton or Boyd theater. Boyd's has been secured for the traveling men May 31, and for the Republican League meeting June 28, 29 and 30. The Creighton has been secured for the Christian Endeavor meeting July 3. The congresses and the smaller meetings will be held in Creighton tiall or some of the numerous smaller halls down town, several of which have been secured for that purpose. In the case of gath erings too large for the theaters down town, the Auditorium on the exposition grounds will be utilized. This has a scating capacity of about 4,000 and will hold many more by filling the lobby.

In this way Major Clarkson says that there will be no difficulty in caring for all of the meetings.

OVERALL FACTORY IN OPERATION. One of the Exhibits for Which Ar

rangements Are Being Made. L. B. Scoffeld of Chicago is in the city closing arrangements for an exhibit to be made by the Standard Sewing Machine company. This company will make an exhibit of its own, showing all the various patterns of machines manufactured by it and will also exhibit jointly with M. E. Smith & Co. of this city. The latter firm will operate a clothing manufacturing exhibit, making overalls and similar articles on the exposition grounds. The Standard company wil supply all the machines used in this model factory. There will be machines for unfolding the cloth from the rolls, placing it in thick piles and cutting out a hundred or more thicknesses of goods at the same time other machines will sew the seams, work the button holes and sew on the buttons, doing all the work that was formerly done by

Mr. Scofield is also making arrangements for an exhibit by the Wisconsin Grass Twine company of Oshkosh, a concern which makes twine from a certain variety of wild grass This twine is used on harvesting machines and is also made into matting, rugs and many other articles of common use,

Exposition Freight Warehouse.

Manager Babcock of the Transportation department has completed arrangements for the freight warehouse on the exposition grounds and plans for the building will be completed in a few days. The warehouse will stand at the extreme northeast corner of the north truct and will be reached by a switch from the main line of the Misso Pacific. Engineer Bush of this road has ocated this switch and it will be laid as soon as the material can be placed on the ground.

Notes of the Exposition. Colonel E. Roberts, an engineer of the Treasury department, visited the Government building at the exposition grounds and went over the construction of the building with

Superintendent J. J. Farnan. The Cozad Irrigation company has made a formal application for 180,000 square feet formal application for 180,000 square feet of space in the irrigation field on the north tract, on which it proposes to construct a relief map of Dawson county, showing the rivers and waterways of the county and the plant and ditches of the irrigation company. In this space will be established a number of orchards and fields showing the number of orchards and fields showing the

The latest accession to the group of buildings on the bluff tract is a handsome structure to be erected by the Bemis Omaha Bag company. The building will occupy a very sightly location at the west side of the bluff tract, directly east of the Auditorium building. building.

OFT'S SUIT AGAINST MANGOLD.

Action Growing Out of a Primary Election Row at Bennington. A law suit which originated at the re publican primaries at Bennington during the evening of October 8, 1897, is on trial before Judge Keysor and a jury, where the plaintiff, Claus Oft, seeks to recover the sum of \$25,000 damages from Peter Mangold. Both men are residents of Jefferson

precinct and are politicians to some extent. The story as told by Oft is to the effec that during the holding of the primaries and while in the booth where the election was being held, he was assuulted by Man-gold, who knocked him down and then bear him in a most inhuman manner, breaking his right leg at the ankle and otherwise inflicting injuries. Mangold admits that there was an election held at Bennington upon the date alleged by Oft and also admits that the plaintiff sustained a broken leg. However, he denies that he was the cause of the injuries. He says that Oft was peddling tickets about the polls and became quite noisy. While in this condition Man-gold declared that Oft was standing upon a bench, waving his hands and haranguing the crowd. In some manner he happened to fall and in falling he sustained the injuries complained of. He denies being responsible for anything that happened.

COWARDLY ASSAULT BY GAMBLERS.

R. B. Westcott, a Reporter, Brutally Beaten by Two Thugs. As a result of the fight on gambling in Omaha, a reporter of The Bee, R. B. Westcott, was assaulted Tuesday night in Council Bluffs. Mr. Westcott had returned home from his work and was met at the Inman hotel by Monks Davis and Vile Burgess, who have been banging out for several months around the saloon of Lentz & Williams, on Farnam street.

assailed Mr. Westcott with vile epithets and the other gambler slugged him. They knocked him down and beat and kicked him about the head in a manner that was shameful. The result was that Westcott was badly bruised about the face and head. One of the assailants was arrested yesterday and arraigned in police court on the charge of being a common gambler. The other thug s still at liberty.

Mr. Westcott will file complaints with the county attorney in Council Bluffs this afternoon charging his assailants with assault to do great bodily injury.

Sunday School Children Help. The Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal Sunday school has made a contribution to he Cuban relief fund. Under the direction of the superintendent, assisted by Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Denn's an impromptu entertainment was provided, which resulted in raising \$25 for Cuban sufferers. All day Monday and Tuesday little people were busy selling tickets in the Hanscom park neighborhood for 5 cents each, some paid much more, one lady giving \$5 for a ticket. As a result the bouse was crowded.

MONEY WAITS ON CLAIMANTS. Ready to Be Paid Out to Persons Hav-

ing Claims. Persons who happen to have claims against the county of Douglas growing out of the purchase of lots in the poor farm addition to the city of Omaha can secure their money by calling on the proper authorities. Those who have judgments will call on the clerk of the district court, while those who have claims not in judgment, but proven, can have their cash by calling on the county treasurer. Action providing for this course of procedure was taken by the members of the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting, held yesterday. After this had been done the commissioners passed the ap-

propriation sheet that contained all of the

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The appropriation sheet passed by the county commissioners was the largest in the history of the board, and provides for the payment of \$201,224.43, of which sum \$107,967.43 is in judgments and \$93,257 in proven claims. To meet the payment of this sum the county has on hand at this time \$190,219.50 the proceeds of the find. time \$190,219.50, the proceeds of the fund-ing bond sale, and \$11,004.93, collections on the poor farm judgment levy for the years 1895 and 1896. This does not wipe out all of the claims against the county on this account, but by the time that the balance of the claims are filed there will be money on hand to wipe them out, as they amount to only a small sum and the judgment levy is sufficient to more than liquidate the debi The committee on roads reported upon the communication of the Omaha Real Estate exchange, asking that shade trees be planted along the paved roadways of the county. The committee reported adversely on the matter, holding that the shade would be detrimental to the roads. The report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Certain portions of the town plat of the village of Benson were ordered vacated. This action was taken on application of property and lot owners in the town.

The county treasurer reported that, acting

in accordance with instructions from the commissioners, he had accepted \$900 in full of all demands against the bondsmen of J. W. Eller, ex-county judge. The Transmississippi Exposition associa-tion asked that the commissioners make an additional appropriation of \$5,000, to be used

in maintaining and beautifying the exposition grounds. The communication was referred to the committee on finance.
The request to cancil the county taxes on lands used by the exposition was referred A. C. Davidson was employed for thirty

days, at a salary of \$75 per month, to arrange for a poultry and aplary exhibit at the exposition Superintendent Wright was authorized to assign certain portions of the poor farm to the Associated Charities for the purpose of cultivation during the present year

held Saturday morning, when bids for paying the extensions of the Center and Dodge street roads will be received and

DEMAND FOR THE COUNTY BONDS.

Farson Leach & Co. Call on the County to Deliver the Securities. Farson Leach & So., the Chicago partice who bought the \$180,000 of poor farm funding bonds and then went back on their bargain, have suddenly come to the conclusion that they want the paper. They have written to County Treasurer Heimrod, stating that they are ready to comply with the terms of their contract and that they will not brook any delay in the delivery. They sa that they have sold the bonds to a custome and that they expect promptness upon the county in the fulfillment of its part of the contract. This letter has been turned over to the county commissioners, but it is in nowise likely that Farson Leach & Co. will ever secure the bonds, unless they make a deal with the state, the precent owner of securities.

The county commissioners in speaking of the latest demand of Farson Leach & Co. for the delivery of the poor farm funding bonds, say that it is merely a bluff that they may place themselves in a position to sue for the proceeds of the \$500 check that was put up as a guarantee that they would comply with the terms of their bid.

The commissioners say they are ready for

any suit that the Chicago bond buyers may bring. If they bring a suit for \$500 to re-cover the amount of the check, the county will claim as an offset the difference between the Farson Leach & Co. bid and the sum that the bends sold for when the state became the purchaser. This amounts to some-thing like \$1,000 and it is for this amount that the county will seek to hold Farson Leach & Co. if they institute their suit. POSTPONES TELEGRAPH DIVORCE.

Judge Munger Extends Time for Mas ter's Report to Be Made.

Judging from an order that has been signed by Judge Munger of the federal court. it is not believed that the proceedings brought in the name of the government to segregate the telegraph properties of the Western Union and the Union Pacific on the latter system are likely to come to a focus for several months yet. The order extends the time in which Referee W. D. Cornish

is to make a report until July 1.

The application for extension of time was made by the Western Union Telegraph com-pany. It is based on the grounds that the referee has not yet had the time and oppor-tunity to do the duty set out for him, which consists in learning exactly what proportion of the telegraph properties on the railroad system belong to the two companies. Judge Munger granted the extension, giving the referee clinety more days from April 1. The

extension consequently expires on July 1.

The time in which Referee Cornish is to have his report ready has now been twice extended since the final order of the court in the case. According to this the segregation was to have taken place on December 1 last, but it was postponed then by an application for more time in which the referee might make a report. As the case stands now the order of segregation it still in effect, and is being held off from operation by the order giving Referee Cornish more time.

ENGINEER DEVO NOT BADLY HURT. Valentine's Bullet Inflicts a Mer-Flesh Wound on the Chin.

Glenn Deyo, who was shot at the smelter Tuesday by William Valentine, has been removed to his home in Council Bluffs. Dr. Somers dressed the man's wounds and has charge of him. He says that the bullet entered the chin and glanced from the teeth, thus avoiding a serious injury. Dr. Somers did not see the bullet and does not know what caliber the weapon was, but says that Deyo told him it was a 38-caliber. The wound is merely a fiesh wound and is healing nicely. Unless blood poisoning should set in Deyo will be ut work again in a few

Valentine was arraigned in police court and held for appearance in the district court in the sum of \$1,000. He was sent to jail. Taken for Burial.

The Danish brotherhood has taken charge of the body of George Anderson, who hung himself at the county hospital. A collec-

nimself at the county hospital. A collection has been taken to defray his funeral expenses and he will be buried this afternoon at Springwell cemetery.

The body of Henry Campbell, who was found dead at his home near Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets, has been turned over to the brother-in-law of the dead man, Carl Wilhelmsen, and will be taken to Minden for interment.

New Theater and Museum. The Omaha Theater and Museum comp have rented the building at 1315 and 1317 Farnam street. It is the intention to epen a museum and theater there on April 26. William Troost, well known in Omaha in connection with amusement enterprises, will be the manager.

HOLD DOWN EXPENDITURES

City Officials Manage to Get Along on

Their Allowances.

DEPARTMENTS KEEP UP WITH COUNCIL Statement for the First Quarter of the Year Shows that the Limit

on Expenses Was

Observed. The experiment that was inaugurated by the city council at the beginning of the

year of dividing the appropriations for each department into four parts, one for each quarter, and then limiting the expenditures of each department for each three months. to one-fourth of the entire appropriation for the year has apparently been a success, so far as curtailing expenditures goes. Comptreller Westberg has prepared a statement of the expenditures in each department during January, February and March. and this shows that the city has more than kept within the limit. The showing is not equal in all departments, as some have: confronted different conditions than others, A few departments have slightly exceeded the limit, while others have considerable balances remaining, but the aggregate balance is on the right side of the ledger. The following recapitulation of the comptroller's figures shows the financial transactions of figures shows the financial transaction

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Local Drivers Will Ask to Have the

Charge Increased. The hackmen of the city have united in an effort to induce the city council to bicrease the annual fee for backmen's licenses from \$10 to \$50. This movement does not indicate that the hackmen are anxious to chip in \$40 aplece toward supplementing the finances of the city. Their action is dictated by motives other than philanthropic. They have already secured licenses for 1898 at \$10 each, but they are more than willing that any other backmen who may tracted to the city during the exposition shall be required to pay a handsome fee for the privilege of competing with the local johus for the fares of exposition visitors.

The drivers contend that it is not fair that The drivers contend that it is not fair that outsiders who come in merely to reap a harvest during the expesition should be placed on the same feeting as men who are residents and taxpayers and who have remained here during times when fares were few and far between. They assert that dur-ing the summer the city will be inundated by hackmen who will work the exposition crowd for all it is worth and then pull out for more profitable fields, and that it is perfectly proper that these transients should be compelled to pay a higher price for their licenses than the drivers who live in Omaha. Some of the councilmen are disposed to agree with the hackmen and it is quite possible that the icense fee will be temporarily raised to at

Additional Lights. City Clerk Higby has prepared a statement which shows what has been done by the council so far this year in the way of additional street lights. It shows that seventy-eight are lights, forty-five gas lamps and fourteen gasoline lamps have already been ordered and approved. This statement does not inclue a large number of resolutions providing for additional lights in the Fifth and Sixth wards, which are still under consideration. The additional lights already located involve an additional expense of \$10,449.86, distributed as follows:

Ward. Electric. Gas. Gasoline. First 1.3/8.43 1.374.03 1.483.50 1.090.50 1.145.00 1.319.45 539.99 1.319.50 Third 12 Fifth 9 Sixth 10 Seventh 11 Eighth Ninth 11 Total 78 \$10,419.86

Looking Up Sidewalk Conditions. Councilmen Karr and Lobeck are making a thorough canvass of the sidewalks and crosswalks in the northern part of the city, with a view to getting them in the best possible condition before the exposition. Resolutions have already been passed pro-Resolutions have already been passed widing for permanent walks along the entire length of several of the streets leading to length of several of the streets leading to the exposition grounds, and a number of additional resolutions of the same character are now in the hands of council committees. At the next meeting of the council committees. cil Councilman Karr expects to secure the passage of an omnibus resolution by which the Board of Public Works will be directed to at once repair all the defective crosswalks in the territory bounded by Sixteenth and Twenty-seventh streets between Cum-

ing and the exposition grounds. Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths were retwenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday: Births-Charles H. Peterson, 2814 Parker, street, boy; Harry Leven, 3908 North Twenty-fourth, boy; John Benson, Eighth and Paul boy

Deaths-No deaths reported. City Hall Notes. A permit has been issued to E. C. Wol-cott to build a frame dwelling at 2734 Bin-

ney street. Twelve of the municipal departments have filed applications to be supplied with copies of the 1898 city directory. The finance committee will now proceed to decide how

many of these departments can get along Sarah M. Hendrix through her attorneys has filed a claim against the city for \$50 for damages sustained by a fall in front of the city hall last December. She avers that the sidewalk was covered with ice and consequently unsafe and that this caused her to break her right wrist.

The second spring meeting of the Merchants' bureau of the Commercial club is attracting to the city a considerable number of merchants from country towns in the

territory tributary to Omaha. Many more are expected during the rest of the week, the cold weather of the past few days having kept them away. Special railroad rates of one and one-third fare for the round trip are secured for the merchants. They are stocks of goods.

Rob & Laundry.

Burglars broke into the City Steam laundry at 207-11 South Eleventh street Tuesday night and carried off a quantity of underwear. Entrance was effected by forcing a door in the rear of the building. R. R. Evans, manager of the establishment reported the burglary to Chief of Police Gallagher.